(vii) CGWB has provided technical guidance on rain water harvesting to around 1800 agencies, including State Government agencies, educational institutions, private entrepreneurs and individuals.

(viii) Launching of a website on Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting (www.cgwb.net) to make aware and educate the public about various techniques of harvesting rainwater and store it for future use.

(ix) Organization of mass awareness programmes and training courses on rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge of ground water.

(x) Water conservation campaign has been launched keeping in view the various target groups like youth and children, women, farmers and villagers, policy and opinion makers. Publicity through print media, telecasting of spots on the television, broadcasting messages on radio, holding of seminars, workshops, conferences etc., have been undertaken for the purpose.

Encouragement to Rain Water Harvesting

1536. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to constitute an advisory Committee for rain water harvesting and ground water recharge;

(b) what is the present status of the proposal and the time-frame within which it would be constituted;

(c) what is the position of rain-harvesting in the national capital city of Delhi; and

(d) what is the action plan of Government to encourage rain harvesting in private colonies of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A detailed proposal for this purpose has been formulated and has been referred to the competent authority for approval. The Advisory Council will be constituted as soon as approval is received.

(c) and (d) The Government of National Capital City of Delhi has taken many steps for setting up rain water harvesting systems. More than 800 Government buildings have been fitted with roof top rain water harvesting structures. Instructions have been issued by the Government of NCT of

Delhi to all Departments to install rain water harvesting structures in the existing buildings and made a provision in the estimates in respect of new buildings.

Besides, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, has implemented 17 projects of rain water harvesting for ground water recharge in the National Capital City of Delhi. These projects have been undertaken in many Government buildings also like President's Estate, Prime Minister's Office, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Sena Bhawan, Vasusenabad etc. Rain water harvesting has also been taken up in a big way by CPWD, DDA, NDMC, NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), industries and individuals covering Government buildings, office complexes, residential buildings & colonies, roads & flyovers, hospitals, hotels & institutions, parks, farm houses etc. CGWB have provided technical guidance to around 1700 agencies for installation of rain water harvesting systems.

The Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has notified South & South-West districts of NCT of Delhi and adoption of roof top rain water harvesting system has been made mandatory for Group Housing Societies, institutions, schools, hotels, industrial establishments and farm houses located in these notified areas.

With a view to encourage rain water harvesting by RWAs/Group Housing Societies, the Government of NCT of Delhi has formulated a scheme of financial assistance where, 50% of the total cost of the project subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- is being given as a grant to such RWAs/Group Housing Societies, who adopt rain water harvesting.

Indo-Bhutan Joint River Commission

1537. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an Indo-Bhutan Joint River Commission in consultation with its Bhutanese counterpart;

(b) if so, the progress made by the Commission so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) There is no Joint River Commission with Bhutan. However, a Joint Group of Experts (JGE) on Flood Management has been set up to discuss and assess the